

## At the Theaters This Week

### "Poker Ranch" Seems

#### Destined to Be a Hit.

The latest pen product of Willard Mack, a romantic melodrama of California called "Poker Ranch," was presented for the first time at Poli's last night with this cast:

Yarbo..... Fred Dalton  
Philip Yeager..... Lyster Chambers  
"Tom" Wilson..... Louis Hendricks  
Neighborhood..... Wm. Boyd  
Nooka..... T. Tamamoto  
Mike McKenzie..... Ben Hendricks  
Antoinette Trainer..... Clara Joel  
Yaobel..... Adda Gleason  
Eulise Bainbridge..... Salonia Basse  
"Red" Jenks..... E. John Kennedy

There is a gripping appeal to the four acts of this piece originally conceived as a dramatic vehicle for Pauline Frederick and labelled "Tony," which seems certain to place it at an early date with the Broadway successes.

The element of suspense has been carefully nurtured in weaving the story and the skillful interpretation of a cast distinguished for capability emphasizes fully the telling punches in clever dialogue. During the action the finger of suspicion points at one time or another to almost every one in the cast which may be one reason why the solution of the mystery as evolved by the playwright for the final curtain seems very flat and unconvincing. It is a structural weakness which must be overcome before visions of a long run are realized.

All the situations are set in a cabin in Santa Inez mountains which the program tells us is an exact reproduction of the living room in the ranch of the famed Jack London. The final hand in the great American game of draw poker leaves Jim Trainer with \$14,000 of I. O. U's in the possession of Philip Yeager, a neighboring ranch owner and deep dyed villain.

How this debt is used to humiliate the wife of Trainer, its indirect connection with the slaying of Yeager by an unknown hand and its eventual evolution to bring about a near happy ending furnish an absorbing plot. Mexican ranch hands, a subtle Japanese servant and frequent Spanish interpolations aid the setting in giving the desired border atmosphere. Miss Clara Joel displayed both intelligence and charm in depicting the ardent and loveable "Mrs. Tony." In portraying the varied emotions of the character she played with an ease and competence that lent strength to a strong performance.

One of the pleasant surprises was the playing of T. Tamamoto, a Japanese actor, who by sheer artistry made an inconsequential part an outstanding hit. Jim Trainer, as revealed by William Boyd, will become more accomplished with experience. The "Mike McKenzie" of Ben Hendricks was loaded with such "sure fire" lines he was early in the hearts of the audience and remained there to the finish. Fred Dalton, Louis Hendricks, Lyster Chambers, Adda Gleason, Salonia Basse, and E. John Kennedy were fully satisfying in the other roles.

When some of its minor defects are polished and a more appropriate title added, "Poker Ranch" should be headed for excellent business at the box office.

### FIND BRIDE STOWAWAY; 'GOB' HUSBAND PRISONER

NEW YORK, May 26.—Because his wife, a pretty little French girl, did not look mannish enough in her men's clothes when she tried to stow away at Antwerp, George Thornton, a marine, arrived on the transport Princess Matoka as prisoner, charged with A. W. O. L.

### N. Y. 2.75 BEER LAW WON'T BE RECOGNIZED

The Department of Justice will take no recognition of the New York law permitting 2.75 per cent beer, assistant Attorney General Frierson stated yesterday.

The Volstead prohibition law permitting only one half of one per cent of alcohol will be vigorously enforced despite the State law, the Assistant Attorney General said.

### EXCURSIONS.

## MEMORIAL DAY OUTINGS

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Ocean View  
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Norfolk and Washington  
Steamboat Co.

MISS LYNCH, who is one of the cleverest of story tellers for children, is one of a group of women interested in the movement designed to keep the little ones off the streets. The Massachusetts University Extension has found the plan singularly successful. Here she is telling a little Oriental about Abraham Lincoln.



## Girl-Wife Intended to Kill Self If Husband Got Death Sentence

"If my husband had been sentenced to death for the killing of Homer Jones, I would have died with him, taking my own life," declared Grace Clark Cothron, eighteen-year-old wife of Clarence Cothron, twenty-two, after she and Cothron had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary following their trial for the slaying of Jones in the circuit court of Montgomery county, at Rockville, yesterday.

"My husband did not fire the shot that killed Homer Jones. The negro chauffeur was shot to death by Eugene Landers," said the woman, who in her testimony had bared her life of shame since her marriage to Cothron, two years ago.

Neither Cothron nor his wife showed any emotion when Chief Judge Hammond C. Urner, presiding at their trial with Judges Edward C. Peter, of Rockville, and Glenn H. Worthington, announced the findings of the court. In fact, both appeared happy, it being evident they had feared the death penalty would be imposed. They were taken to the Maryland prison from Rockville last night.

Neither of the sentences met with the unanimous consent of the three judges. In the case of Grace Cothron, Judges Urner and Peter agreed she was guilty of first degree murder and recommended life imprisonment. Judge Worthington dissented on the degree of guilt, asserting there had been no evidence that the girl-wife had plotted to kill Jones or had actually taken part in the killing.

In the case of Cothron, Judge Worthington and Peter agreed on the first degree verdict, with the death penalty. Judge Urner dissented on the imposition of the death penalty, and in view of the differences of opinion Cothron was given a life sentence. Cothron was serving a life sentence in the Maryland penitentiary for the killing of a Philadelphia negro when he was brought to Rockville to stand trial for the Jones slaying on a writ of habeas corpus.

Neither sentence will conflict with the other, however. It was said that if Cothron should be pardoned by the governor of Maryland for killing the Philadelphia chauffeur, he would of necessity have to serve the sentence for the slaying of Jones.

Each of the judges explained from the bench how and why he had voted on the verdicts and sentences. Judge Peter, in particular, used plain language in stating his position.

"If Grace Cothron is guilty of first degree murder, her husband, Clarence Cothron, should be hanged," declared Judge Peter.

"They were members of a gang of robbers and thieves, and I would not believe either of them. She picked

up Landers on the streets in Baltimore, surreptitiously kept company with him, and brought him to her room to introduce him to her husband for the purpose of robbing the bank at Highland and, no doubt, to kill the chauffeur. They hatched up the scheme. As far as she being influenced by her husband is concerned, I think it is just the opposite. It is my opinion that she held influence over her husband, and that she in a great way was responsible for the plot to rob the bank, details of which she has told. Yes, they were members of a gang of thieves.

In referring to the sentence imposed on Mrs. Cothron, Chief Judge Urner said that in view of her youth and the fact that she was with her husband at the time the crime was committed, the court felt life imprisonment was too severe a penalty, and at the proper time the court would be in full sympathy with a recommendation for executive clemency.

With the conviction of Cothron and his wife, Detectives Peter R. Bradley, Joseph F. Dougherty and William Carey, of Baltimore, have thrown out a dragnet for the capture of Eugene Landers. According to the Cothrons, Landers was the master mind of the plot to rob the bank at Highland and killed and robbed Jones. Both Cothron and his child-wife testified that Landers had shot Jones to death, although they were nearby and drove off with the negro's automobile, sold it and divided the money derived from the sale.

Landers' home is in Shepherdstown, W. Va. He has been sought for months, but the police admit they have no trace of his whereabouts.

Before sentence was imposed on Mrs. Cothron, Attorney Garrett made a motion for a new trial. He was heard by the court and the motion was overruled. He intimated today that he would take the case to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

### EGYPT OFFICIAL QUILTS.

The State Department was advised yesterday that the prime minister of Egypt, Youssef Wabba Pasha, has resigned and that Mohammed Tewfik Pasha, who holds the portfolio of the interior in the retiring cabinet, has formed a new ministry.

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LEWIS**

—IN—

**KING  
SPRUCE**

—By—

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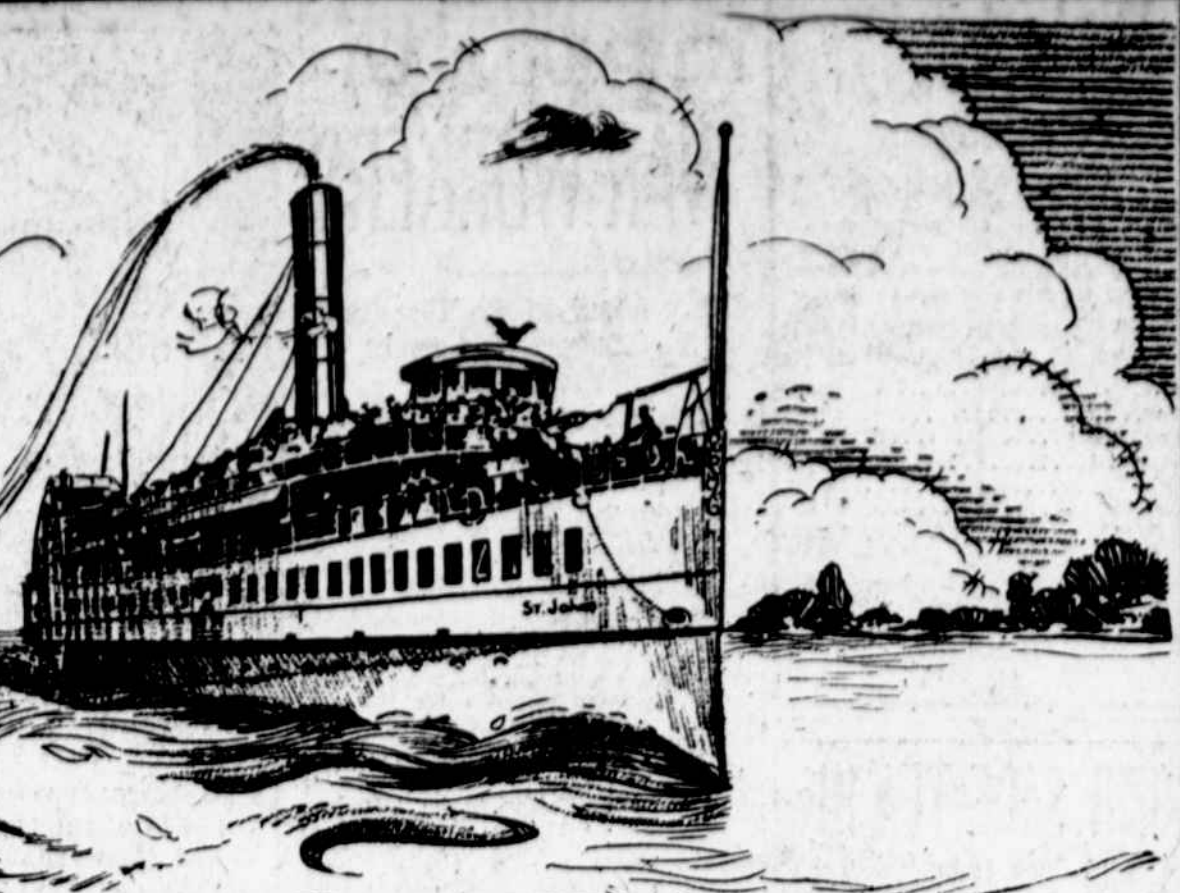
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